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SUBJECT: VISIT EXIMBANK OFFICIALS

1. LOU GADAGNOLI, LOAN OFFICER, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA DIVISION WILL REPRESENT EXIMBANK AT YAOUNDE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER'S CONFERENCE FEB 5. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN HUBER, ECONOMIST AND JOHN SEICHTER OF GUARANTEES AND INSURANCE DIVISION. THE THREE EXIMBANK OFFICIALS WILL ALSO VISIT ADDRESSED EMBASSIES FEB 1 THROUGH FEB 21.

2. JOHN SEICHTER'S ITINERARY AND REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE. GUADAGNOLI'S AND HUBER'S ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	CITY	AIRLINE AND FLT NR	TIME
JANUARY 31	LEAVE DULLES	TWA 890	1845
FEBRUARY 1	ARRIVE PARIS	TWA 890	0825
FEBRUARY 1	LEAVE PARIS	RK 83	1930
FEBRUARY 2	ARRIVE LIBREVILLE	RK 83	0410

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FEBRUARY 4 LEAVE LIBREVILLE RK 121 1540

FEBRUARY 4	ARRIVE DOUALA	RK 121	1630
FEBRUARY 4	LEAVE DOUALA	UY 420	1800
FEBRUARY 4	ARRIVE YAOUNDE	UY 420	1855
FEBRUARY 9	LEAVE YAOUNDE	UY 743	0845
FEBRUARY 9	ARRIVE DOUALA	UY 743	0915
FEBRUARY 9	LEAVE DOUALA	WT 832	1845
*3BRUARY 9	ARRIVE LAGOS	WT 832	2000
FEBRUARY 10	LEAVE LAGOS	RK 511	1235
FEBRUARY 10	ARRIVE ABIDJAN	RK 511	1530
FEBRUARY 17	LEAVE ABIDJAN	GH 541	1430
FEBRUARY 17	ARRIVE ACCRA	GH 541	1515
FEBRUARY 20	LEAVE ACCRA	AZ 831	2205
FEBRUARY 21			
	ARRIVE ROME	AZ 831	0615

3. PURPOSE OF GUADAGNOLI'S AND HUBER'S VISIT IS TO DISCUSS EXISTING PROJECTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; TO DEVELOP UP-TO-DATE INFO ON ECONOMY; TO IDENTIFY NEW BUSINESS. ACCORDINGLY, EXIMBANK REQUESTS THAT EMBASSIES ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR GUADAGNOLI AND HUBER AS FOLLOWS:

FOR LIBREVILLE - MIN. RAWIRI; OFFICIALS OF SOROS PORT AND RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION OF SAME; OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS INCLUDING OFFICERS IN MINFIN AND MIN PLAN FOR RECENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS AND PLANS: INTERESTED BANKS AND BUSINESSMEN.

FOR YAOUNDE- OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR RICE AND SUGAR PROJECTS FOR WHICH EXIMBANK HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES; OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS INCLUDING OFFICIALS IN MINFIN FOR RECENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS.

FOR DOUALA - SINCE GUADAGNOLI AND HUBER WILL HAVE EIGHT HOURS BETWEEN FLIGHTS IN DOUALA ON FEBRUARY 9, APPOINTMENT WITH CAMEROON AIR TO DISCUSS PENDING BOEING APPLICATION FOR 737; OTHER INTERESTED U.S. BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS IF TIME PERMITS.

FOR LAGOS- COMMISSIOONER DR. M.T. AKOBO AND/OR PERMANENT SECRETARY S.B. AWONIYI OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM ND ENERGY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TENNECO LNG PROJECT:

FOR ABIDJAN - MIN FINANCE BEDIE, MIN PLAN DIGWARE, MR. FERNANDEZ
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OF AIR AFRIQUE, DIRECTEUR GENERAL L. KONAN OF ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE; VISIT TO BANDAMA AND TAABO DAM SITES TIME PERMITTING; SITIT TO FERKE I AND FERKE II SUGAR SITES; OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOUNT KLAHOYO IRON ORE MINING PROJECT AND LOUIS BERGER RAILROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY; ALPHONSE DIBY OF IVORY COAST DEVELOPMENT BANK; OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, U.S. BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN.

FOR ACCRA- BANK OF GHANA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ARREARS

TO EXIMBANK; MR. QUARTEY OF VOLTA RIVER; VISIT TO VALCO OPERATION
TIME PERMITTING; OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, U.S. BANKERS AND
BUSINESSMEN, INCLUDING MINFIN FOR UP-DATING OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION.

4. GUADAGNOLI AND HUBER ARRANGING OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH TWA FOR THE

IVOIRE IN ABIDJAN, BUT REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
SINGLES DURING STAYS IN GABON, CAMEROONS, NIGERIA AND GHANA.

5. SINCE EXIMBANK IS AWARE OF A NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL
PROJECTS IN REFERENCED COUNTRIES, EXIMBANK OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME
SEMINARS WITH APPROPRIATE AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS TO
DISCUSS EXIMBANK PROGRAMS. SISCO

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